

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at bridging pages 1 and 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Chafing dishes or chafers of the prior art are provided for holding and heating a food to be served from a serving pan. The heating is accomplished by means of at least one portable burner, typically located below the dish or pan holding the food. The portable burner permits the chafing dish to be placed in the dining room to serve food directly from the pan while it is continuously being heated. The food service pan is typically supported by a support frame. In some applications the support frame may include a water pan for receipt of the food service pan to prevent the food from being burned. In other applications ~~the~~ no water pan may be used.